



# Board of Directors FAQ

## What does the Board of Directors do?

Early Explorers is a nonprofit organization, meaning it is required to have a governing body that ensures the organization fulfills its mission to serve the community.

### Roles and Responsibilities

- **Strategic Planning:** The board sets the long-term goals and objectives for the daycare, ensuring they align with the organization's mission and values.
- **Financial Oversight:** The board approved budgets, monitorins expenditures, and ensures long term financial success of the daycare.
- **Policy Development:** The board develops and approves policies that guide the operations of the daycare, ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
- **Executive Leadership:** The board hires and evaluates the executive director, providing mentorship and support while holding them accountable for the organization's performance.
- **Fundraising and Advocacy:** organize fundraisers and advocate for the daycare's needs within the community to secure necessary resources and support.

### How can I get involved?

Start by identifying areas you are interested in helping with, then decide how much time you are able to volunteer.

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### Tier 1: Event Contributions

#### What does it involve?

- Organizing or participating in specific events like fundraisers and cleanups.
- Contributing time or resources to an event or cause.

#### Why get involved?

This is the perfect way to support Early Explorers without a major time commitment. Your participation helps strengthen our community and fundraising efforts!

## Tier 2: Committee Membership

### What does it involve?

If you're looking for a more involved role but aren't ready to commit to a full board position, Tier 2 is for you.

- On the Volunteer Interest Form (QR code below), indicate area of interest:
  - **Personnel Committee:** Support staff at Early Explorers and help with hiring.
  - **Helping Committee:** Organize and run volunteer work and fundraising events.
  - **Finance Committee:** Help with budget management and financial security.
  - **Strategic Planning Committee:** Assist with grant writing and setting the long-term direction of Early Explorers.
- Committee meetings are held **virtually, during odd-numbered months.**

### Why get involved?

Committees allow you to dive deeper into one aspect of Early Explorers' operations.

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## Tier 3: Full Board Membership

### What does it involve?

Tier 3 is for those ready to take on a leadership role in governance and decision-making at Early Explorers.

- Apply to serve as a **Full Board Member:** You'll serve a two-year term during which you will attend the board meetings held **every other month in person** at Early Explorers.
- You will join at least **one committee** that aligns with your interests or skills.
- Board members make decisions about policies, business strategy, and overall direction for Early Explorers.

### Why get involved?

Full board members play a vital role in the continued success of the organization. The board makes informed decisions that shape the future of the center and the children we care for. It is also a wonderful way to connect with other families invested in Early Explorers' success.

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**Ready to Get Involved?** Fill out a Volunteer Interest Form!



**Thank you for supporting Early Explorers!**